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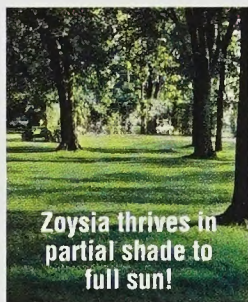
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Representing the Grassroots

By Richard Johnson



If we learned anything from the 2016 election, it's that rural voters matter. We knew that all along, of course, but the significant turnout from rural parts of the country was a surprise for many pundits and pollsters. You've read about get-out-the-vote efforts like Co-ops Vote in the pages of this magazine, and I want to thank all of those who turned up at the polls in November.

But the political process doesn't stop once the polls close, and as a member of an electric cooperative in North Carolina, you can rest assured that your interests are being made top of mind to legislators every month of the year. As a member of my co-op's board of directors, I was elected from among my peers to look out for your best interests, and to ensure your cooperative continues to provide safe, affordable, reliable

electricity in an environmentally responsible way. Part of that role is to carry the voice of our communities to the General Assembly in Raleigh — to represent the grassroots, so to speak.

Electric cooperative directors and co-op leadership staff will be showing up in force later this month for an annual event we call the "Rally in Raleigh." It's two days that we set aside with our legislators to make them aware of the energy issues affecting you, our members, as well as those policies that affect our way of life in rural parts of the state.

For example, one hot-topic issue these days is rural access to high speed internet. As technology evolves, your electric cooperative is able to offer more advanced energy services, and

consumers can better track how they use (and conserve) energy. A reliable internet connection is key to these services, but just as many rural residents didn't have access to electricity 75 years ago, today we're facing the same problem with broadband.

Some of our legislators may come from towns or cities where they don't have to think twice about getting online, checking email and streaming music or movies. But for many rural residents, internet access is limited to what we can get on a smartphone, if even that. It's not unheard of for students to congregate at the library or the nearest fast food restaurant to do homework on public WiFi net-

works. Those of us seeking employment may have to do the same to submit job applications.

It's just this kind of issue that we want to make sure our representatives

don't miss. Leaders across the state are making the case to bring broadband to unserved or underserved areas — paving the way for enhanced energy services from your co-op, as well as supporting education, healthcare and economic development in our communities.

Electric cooperatives have built a solid relationship with our state legislators over many years. Because we are owned by the members we serve, we can leverage that relationship to champion rural communities and their interests. Regardless of the current election cycle, you can trust that we are out there, working for you. ☺

Richard Johnson is president of the Board of Directors for Pee Dee Electric in Wadesboro.



(L-R) Pee Dee Electric board members Donald Thompson, Marcia Lambeth, Richard Johnson, Richard Melton and Ben McCallum, Jr., meet with Representative Garland Pierce.



THIS MONTH'S ISSUE: The Garden Guide

If you crack open a Farmer's Almanac, you'll see things start to get busy in March—the spring equinox is March 20, and the planting calendar starts to fill up. Our annual Carolina Country Gardens guide is here to help! We hope you'll be able to draw inspiration from this issue as you start to cultivate your own backyard pride and joy.

—Scott Gates, editor

New Co-op Members

My wife and I love your magazine! We moved here three years ago from north New Jersey. We always loved North Carolina. It is so very refreshing to be a part of a cooperative and be informed as well as entertained by our electric company through this wonderful magazine. We feel like people, not just an account number. Thanks!!!

Glenn Dai, Franklinton, a member of Wake Electric

Afraid of Storms

I really liked the story “Don’t Sit on the Toilet During a Thunderstorm” (September 2016, page 16). Never heard that one, but I have many fond memories of my Granny. She would always say: “A thunderstorm’s coming up—you young’uns git in here and sit down on that couch.” And no one would move until it was over. She would sit in a chair with her hands clasped over both ears. She was a very lovable Granny, and we miss her dearly.

Gail Austin, Four Oaks, a member of South River EMC



Alleghany County Dynasty

Each month when I receive my Carolina Country, I sit down and read all the wonderful stories you have for all of us to enjoy. I found this article my sister had written years ago [Editor's note: Lois included the article with her letter, which relates the story of her parents, William Quincey Higgins and Docia Louellen Brown, who married in 1923 and started their family in Alleghany County]. There are only five of us left out of the 15 children. The oldest one living now is 91 years old.

We all have been faithful members of Blue Ridge Electric for almost 70 years. Back in the late '50s, we always won the silver dollar for the largest family at the co-op annual meetings.

Lois Dixon, Laurel Springs, a member of Blue Ridge Energy



A Pig in Mud

Someone left a number of old issues of your magazine at the nursing home where my 93-year-old mother lives. In the June 2016 one was the cutest photo of a pig! (“Farm Tourin,” page 26.) It had a big “smile” and you had to smile back. Don’t want to know what happened to it, but for the moment the mud felt good.

Gail Allen, Lumberton



Correction to our February issue:

In our February 2017 feature story on unique sports being played around the state (“Four Sports You’ve Likely Never Heard of,” page 18), we included some incomplete information about disc golf. N.C.’s George Sappenfield did popularize the sport, although its history predates the 1960s (its past is murky—the Professional Disc Golf Association deems it “impossible to answer” who first played the game). Also, there are more than 200 disc golf courses in North Carolina, not 100 as mentioned in the article. Thank you to carolinacountry.com reader Eric Vandenberg for pointing this out.

Reader Survey Results

Thank you to all who took time to complete our 2016 reader survey! Your responses will help us continue to deliver the content you want going forward (and feel free to call or email with future suggestions). One survey respondent was selected to receive a free Apple™ iPad mini: Betty Hedgepath of Evergreen, a member of Brunswick Electric. Enjoy your iPad, Betty!

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N.C. Co-ops Help Pilot New Girl Scout Badge

Girl Scouts with Junior Troop 1248 in Holly Springs recently visited the statewide offices of North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives to earn their "Co-ops for Community" patch.

A pilot of the patch program was launched in North Carolina last October through collaboration between the Cooperative Council

of North Carolina (CCNC) and the Girl Scouts of the North Carolina Coastal Pines.

"We're excited to participate in this pilot program. We hosted a great group of scouts who asked some hard, insightful questions," said Jane Forehand, director of management services & communications strategy for

North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives. "In my mind, this is an example of living our principals—it's our commitment to community in action."

The program includes a tour of a cooperative business, and roughly two hours of patch activities, including review of the seven cooperative principles and co-op history, and (for older scouts) conceptualizing their own cooperative.

The scouts were treated to a tour of NCEMC's operations center and provided with an overview of how power supply works. Managing the grid was likened to a bucket of water with a spigot going in and a spigot coming out: It's the operations center's job to balance the two so the bucket never overflows, and never runs dry.

The new scout patch program was developed by Cabot Creamery Cooperative in collaboration with the National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International.



The scouts met with (L to R) Nelle Hotchkiss, senior vice president of corporate relations; Safaniya Stevenson, community relations specialist; and Forehand.

Watts Led the Way for Women in D.C.

Carolyn Ann Herr Watts, a trailblazer among Washington, D.C., lobbyists who held key leadership roles at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and for North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, died Jan. 3 of complications from diabetes. She was 65.

Watts forged a career in government relations at a time when few women worked as lobbyists. In 1975, she joined the newly-founded Women in Government Relations and helped expand the group to more than 700 members. At NRECA, where she began as a lobbyist in 1977 and became legislative director a few years later, she handled issues relating to taxes, telecommunications and pole attachments.

Equal treatment in rural areas was a passion of hers, said Watts' colleagues.

One of her most significant accomplishments was leading the legislative charge in 1987 that led to direct broadcast satellite TV in rural areas, including the launch of DIRECTV.

Watts left NRECA in 1994 when she became acting assistant secretary for congressional and intergovernmental affairs in the Department of Energy. She moved to North Carolina in 1996 when she became vice president for corporate relations at North Carolina EMC and then senior vice president for competitive strategies until her retirement in 2008.

"Carolyn was a pioneer for not only women in the cooperative network, but for fighting for rural members to have the same opportunities as others—for both telecom services and enhanced electric service," said Nelle Hotchkiss, who succeeded Watts as



At the 2009 NRECA annual meeting, Watts accepts the Clyde T. Ellis Award for outstanding lifetime service from then-NRECA President Jack F. Wolfe, Jr.

senior vice president, corporate relations. "There were a lot of firsts that came with Carolyn."

—Victoria Rocha, NRECA



Students join Ferguson (middle) in tending to the hives.

Bright Ideas Spotlight: Cape Hatteras Honey Bees



The Bright Ideas grant program, administered by North Carolina's electric cooperatives, has awarded \$10.2 million in support of innovative, classroom-based projects since 1994. Each year, close to 600 grants are funded across the state—this is one example from the 2016 round of funding.

School: Cape Hatteras Secondary School

Project name: "Cape Hatteras Honey Bee Project"

Sponsoring co-op: Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative

Participating students: 300

Teacher: Evan Ferguson

Project in a nutshell: An ongoing beekeeping project (expanding from two hives to four with the Bright Ideas grant) is introducing students to the practical aspects of beekeeping, disease treatment, pollination and honey production. The project feeds into lessons in foods and nutrition classes, biology, and earth and environmental classes.

From the teacher: "Our programs focus on sustainability and understanding how we as humans can be good stewards of the earth. This hands-on project helps to further support these goals by giving students the opportunity to work alongside and learn from our world's great pollinator. Students are inherently curious about what goes on in a beehive. Bees are so organized and complex. It's like another world in a hive, so it's wonderful to be able to expose students to that diversity. Beekeeping not only teaches students science and nutrition skills, but caring for another species promotes empathy and responsibility."



NRECA CEO Jim Matheson (L) presents the award to Wynn.

Roanoke Electric Receives National Award

Roanoke Electric Cooperative CEO Curtis Wynn recently received a top communications award from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The 2017 J.C. Brown CEO Communication Leadership Award recognizes innovation and excellence in communication.

Wynn has served as CEO of Aulander-based Roanoke Electric since 1997, and he has represented North Carolina on the NRECA board of directors since 2007.

"While my name is on the award, I'm quick to make it very clear upfront that if not for the grace of God himself, a supportive board of directors, and a team of dedicated and determined employees I would not be standing before you," Wynn said.

The award judges noted Roanoke Electric's use of more than 30 communication channels to share the co-op's message with its members. "Stressing the member-owner connection is so important," wrote one judge. "It's the heart of what makes the co-op model work."

'I WILL': N.C. Lineworkers Pledge to Stay Safe

Electrical lineworkers have one of the most dangerous jobs around—among the top 10 most hazardous occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In order to counter that risk, North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives have launched a new safety initiative, "Countdown to Stand Down: The Promise of I WILL."

"Once all the tools, procedures, policies and training are in place, there is still one element that needs attention: The human element, or the individual," said Farris Leonard, manager of job training & safety field services for North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives.

At the heart of the initiative is a simple statement that carries profound meaning: "I will be accountable for myself and others." Electric cooperative employees are challenged to consider and uphold eight safety promises focused on personal accountability.

"By saying 'I WILL' we are making a promise to ourselves, our coworkers and our families," Leonard said.

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Electric co-op employees from across the state make the promise of "I WILL."

ENERGY TECH

Power-up, Outlet Free

Need a charge away from home? You have options.

By Thomas Kirk

As smartphones and other electronics take on a more prominent role in our lives, it's important to ensure these devices don't run out of power. While finding an outlet in a building is easy, what do you do without access to one? Whether it's a weekend camping trip, sporting event or travel to a foreign country, you'll need a way to recharge your devices from wherever you are.

First, you need to decide if this is going to be an energy source you carry with you, or one that stays stationary, probably in your car.

Stationary generators include traditional gas-powered generators and a newer generation of heavy-duty lithium ion batteries. Both types are able to keep larger electronics, including mini-fridges and laptops running all weekend. The difference between the two comes down to cost and operation. The gas generator is cheaper up front, but noisy to operate and requires fuel. The lithium-ion battery is more costly up front, but quieter to operate and cheaper to re-charge. The battery generator is also much lighter—typically around half the weight of a comparable gas generator—but since you won't be carrying either with you in a backpack, it's a largely irrelevant point.

Your choice for portable energy broadly boils down to two options, external battery packs and portable renewable generators.



Ryan Baylis


Solar kits like the Guide 10 Plus from Goal Zero can be strapped to a pack for steady charging.

External battery packs come in a variety of shapes and sizes, but their carrying capacity is measured in mAh (milliamp hours). How much is 1 mAh? By definition, it's enough energy to provide 1 milliamp of electricity for an hour. In practical terms, 10,000 mAh is enough to charge an iPhone 6s three and half times, a Galaxy S6 three times or run a 5W LED to light your tent for 10 hours. The benefits of these battery packs are cost, reliability and weight. A 10,000 mAh battery retails on Amazon.com for about \$25, weighs the same as a baseball and can easily fit in your pocket. The downside is once the battery is drained, it's also useless until you find an outlet again.

Portable generators offer a very different experience than battery packs. These gizmos are able to take some other form of energy and convert it into electricity for your devices. The most common are solar panels, but other types include water (river) and thermal (campfire) generators. The advantage of these generators is they won't run out of power while being off-grid for extended periods of time.

The downside is these generators are heavier, condition-dependent and more expensive than their battery counterparts. Estream's portable water generator that launched this year, for example, is capable of generating electricity from any flowing water—seemingly a good fit for any trips near a river. However, it weighs 2 pounds, takes more than 4 hours to charge to its 6,400 mAh capacity and costs \$250.

Portable solar panels offer similar economics. A Guide 10 Plus Solar Kit from Goal Zero retails for \$130, weighs 1.4 pounds and will take 3 to 6 hours to charge a 2,300 mAh battery in full sunlight (no clouds, panels facing the sun).

While portable generators have a much better wow factor, unless you're planning to embrace "van life" and go off the grid on a semi-permanent basis, consider a battery pack. Or, if you're really bold, try turning off the electronics while you're outside. 

Thomas Kirk is an associate analyst of distributed energy resources for the Arlington, Va.-based National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Business & Technology Strategies (BTS) division.

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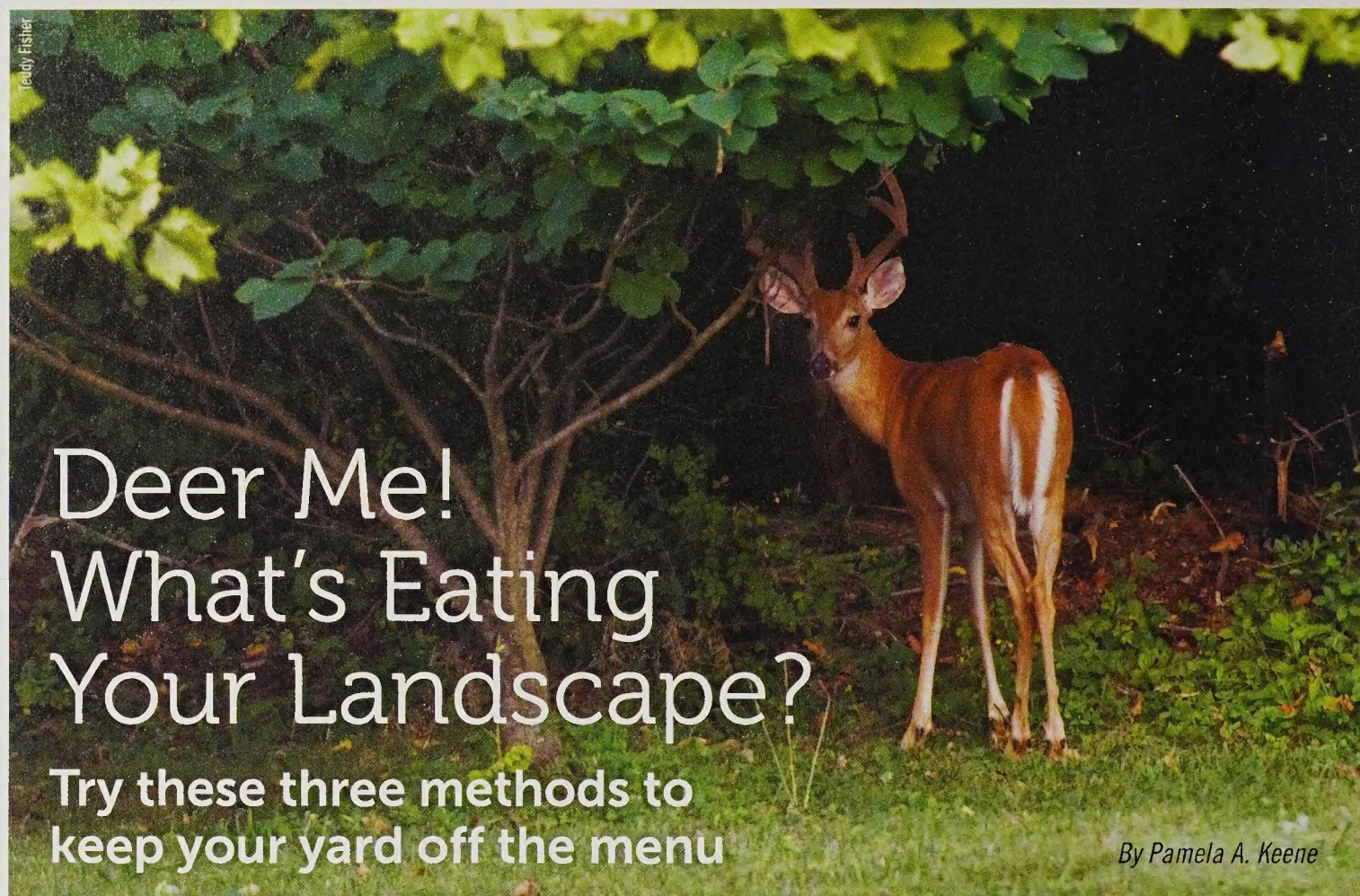


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Deer Me! What's Eating Your Landscape?

**Try these three methods to
keep your yard off the menu**

By Pamela A. Keene

The succulent plants you so carefully tend in your garden are like an oasis in a desert — a feast for the eyes and stomach, waiting to be harvested at just the right time.

Sometimes, though, the fruits of your labor are prematurely usurped by a garden intruder impressed by what it sees as a gourmet, all-you-can-eat buffet.

“There’s no foolproof method for keeping deer from eating your landscape if they’re hungry enough, but there are some ways to minimize the damage,” says gardening expert Joe Lamp’l, creator and host of “Growing a Greener World,” the award-winning PBS television series. “It takes persistence and a few tricks, but you can keep deer at bay.”

There are three primary strategies to keeping deer at bay, according to Lamp’l: exclusion through physical barriers, repellents and making appropriate plant choices.

Fence them out

The most reliable way to address a deer issue is to create a physical barrier or a way to exclude deer from

your landscape, Lamp’l says.

“Building a fence around your vegetable garden will do a great deal to reduce deer damage, but not just any fence will do,” he says.

Lamp’l suggests building a double, three-strand fence, like those used for livestock protection. Mount plastic insulators on 36-inch wooden, fiberglass or metal stakes. Make two concentric circles around the area, 3 feet apart. String the stakes in each circle together with wire strands, placing the wire in the outside circle, 18 inches from the ground. Then put two strands on the inner stakes at 10 and 24 inches. Electricity can be added (either through solar power or a battery-operated source), but Lamp’l says that is not necessary in most cases.

“A deer’s depth perception is not good, so they will sense the presence of the two fences, but will be very unlikely to attempt to jump both,”

says Michael Mengak, wildlife specialist professor at the University of Georgia. “You’ve created a visual and physical barrier against them without putting up an unsightly, stockade-style fence. A deer may try to jump the fence, but it won’t be able to clear both circles. It will most likely jump back out than attempt to cross the inner fence’s 24-inch barrier.”

If a double fence is not practical from a space standpoint, he suggests building a standard fence from posts and chicken wire, woven field wire or welded mesh wire at least 8 feet tall. Make sure the fencing is tight against the ground. Deer will not burrow, but they will look for an easy way to go under it.

Individual plants or smaller plant groupings can be protected by draping them with lightweight netting. Loosely secure the netting around the base of the plant to prevent the deer from nibbling on the leaves.

Turn to repellents

Frustrated gardeners have resorted to a variety of techniques to try to deter Bambi and friends from foraging and grazing on prized roses, vegetables

There are three primary strategies to keeping deer at bay: through physical barriers, repellents and making appropriate plant choices.

and hydrangeas: Soap shavings, aluminum pie pans suspended on string, motion-activated lights, water sprinklers and even human hair clippings sprinkled around gardens. Others have tried crushing garlic, concocting a mixture of fragrant herbs or spraying capsaicin oil onto plants to keep the deer away.

"Some of these methods may work for the short term, but deer are creatures of habit and they'll adjust to these attempts to add a human scent to frighten them," explains Neil Soderstrom, author of "Deer-Resistant Landscaping: Proven Advice and Strategies for Outwitting Deer and 20 Other Pesky Mammals."

Soderstrom says commercially available repellents have a higher success rate, but the key is to

alternate their use.

"The odor will dissipate over time, so you must be diligent in applying them every 10 days or so, and after it rains," he says.

The process takes several weeks, so it is important to use a spray on the foliage the first few weeks.

Most box retailers and nurseries offer a choice of products in liquids, concentrates or powders. Recognized brands are Liquid Fence, Deer Away, Deer Out, Deer Stopper and Hinder. They are applied directly to leaves and the stem to create smells and taste offensive to deer.

Repellex offers two types of repellents: a liquid spray applied to the plants and leaves, and systemic tablets or granular forms put into the soil, then absorbed into the plant, making it bitter to animals. When shopping for these, completely read the labels and cautions before using to ensure the product is safe when used on fruits and vegetables.

For an organic deer repellent that is marketed as fertilizer, try Milorganite—a wastewater treatment byproduct that has been produced by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for more than 90 years. The small pellets are the result of recycling nutrients in the city's wastewater by using microbes that are then kiln-dried, bagged and sold. The organic nitrogen-based slow-release fertilizer produces an odor that is offensive to deer.

"I've seen it used as a fertilizer and deer repellent, and the deer don't seem to browse in areas treated with Milorganite," Lamp'l says. "I find it to be very effective."

Change the menu

In the wild, plants develop defenses such as waxy leaves or prickles that make them more adapted to surviving grazing. Even when they do get

nibbled, native plants are more likely to survive than the succulent plants we typically plant in our gardens.

"Deer are looking for the highest-quality food, and our yards often offer the best smorgasbord," says Dana Sanchez, a wildlife specialist for Oregon State University Extension Service. "We're often selecting plants from other parts of the world that didn't get to learn through evolution about the herbivores in our ecosystem."

Choosing the right kinds of plants—those deer typically do not like—can reduce the likelihood of free-range foraging in your landscape.

"Native plants are among the best bets for your garden and landscape," Lamp'l says. "Native plants evolved at the same time as your area's wildlife and developed their own resistance to deer feeding to survive."

Some plants are more appealing to hungry deer than others. For example, daylilies, hydrangeas, hosta, azaleas, rhododendron, roses, fruit trees, arborvitae and Leyland cypress make for attractive food sources. Garden experts recommend not planting these if you have a high-traffic deer area.

Instead, look for plants and trees on the less-likely-to-be-eaten list, including boxwoods, hollies, ornamental grasses, hellebores/Lenten roses, ferns, butterfly bushes and cedar trees. A full list of deer resistant plants is available from NC Cooperative Extension at bit.ly/NC-Deer-Resistant-Plants

Sometimes combining deer-desirable plants with those deer do not like can reduce the chance of having your colorful flower beds mowed to the ground. Mixing marigolds with pentas or lantana or Angelonia with impatiens tends to keep deer from



One method of dealing with squirrels: Call a truce and give them their own feeder.

Caught in the act: A deer picks through greens in a well-tended human garden.



No matter what solution you choose, keep in mind the well-being of these animals.


grazing. Some gardeners intersperse pansies with spring onions to make deer work harder to sort out the plants they like to eat.

“Use ‘decoy plants’ around your landscape to attract deer away from your valued plants,” Lamp’l says. “For instance, give up part of your property to deer-friendly plants in hopes that they will focus on this readily available food source. However, if the deer are hungry enough, they will eat anything, so no method is completely effective.”

As creatures of habit, deer tend to feed in the same areas for generations, which can be problematic when new neighborhoods spring up in their territory, compromising tried-and-true food and water sources.

“The key is making sure we have a way to live with wildlife,” Mengak explains. “It may mean habitat modification, but it’s important to strike a balance between the needs of people and the needs of animals.”

If you can’t beat them, join them.

No matter what solution you choose, keep in mind the well-being of these animals. They need to eat, too. For example, call a truce with the squirrels (see sidebar) and buy them a feeder. You can find ones designed to look like picnic tables, porch swings, even a squirrel tilt-a-whirl. The same approach can be taken for deer, turkeys and raccoons. 

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Sources: Wild Birds Forever Nature Store, the Humane Society of the United States and About Home

Keep your Feeder for the Birds

We’ve all been there: On a brisk morning, you peek out your blinds and see birds of every feather flocking together at your bird feeder. Beautiful. Peaceful. Until a squirrel invites himself to the party, turning the pleasant scene into a chaotic battle of who can hold their post at the feeder longest. Whatever species is pillaging your feeder (deer, turkey, raccoon or the infamous squirrel), there are many safe and humane ways to encourage them to leave the seeds for the birds.

Deer

Whether they sneak in after dark or stare at you with a mouthful of seeds in the daylight, deer are notorious for cleaning out feeders. Deer-proof your yard with these strategies:

- Take down feeders at night.
- Raise feeders out of reach.
- Change birdseed to a spicy blend.
- Use deer deterrents mentioned in this article.

Turkeys

These large birds can riddle your yard with hundreds of droppings. The first step to getting rid of turkeys is to ensure you are not feeding them, directly or indirectly:

- Secure garbage cans.
- Rake up spilled birdseed under your feeders.
- Scare them away with motion-activated scarecrows and sprinklers, as long as the temperature does not dip below freezing.
- Buy a bird feeder designed to keep big birds out.

Cats

While not necessarily interested in the birdseed, cats can change the scene from a feeding to a hunting spot. Here are a few ways to change this statistic:

- Make your cat an indoor-only feline.
- Ask neighbors to tie a bell on their cat’s collar so birds can hear when the cat approaches.
- Give birds places to perch and hide by planting trees and shrubs near your feeder.

Raccoons

Since raccoons are mostly nocturnal, a few common strategies can be used to deter them:

- Put out only enough seed for the birds to eat in one day.
- Take away the feeders for a week.
- Suspend feeders on a wire or hang them high on a skinny pole.
- Store birdseed in a secure place such as a garage or a can with a tight-fitting lid.
- Do not apply grease or oil on bird feeder wires or poles. Grease can get on birds’ feathers, making them unable to preen it off, fly and insulate themselves.

Squirrels

These agile furballs can get into just about anything. Since they are a universal pest, many products have been made to keep them out:

- Use squirrel baffles that attach to the base or top of a feeder pole so squirrels cannot continue climbing.
- Invest in a squirrel-proof feeder.
- Buy safflower seed, nyjer thistle or millet birdseed blends.
- Hang feeders at least 8 feet away from the tree trunk on a wire more than 10 feet long.
- Do not use sticky material to cover bird feeder surfaces. It can kill birds.



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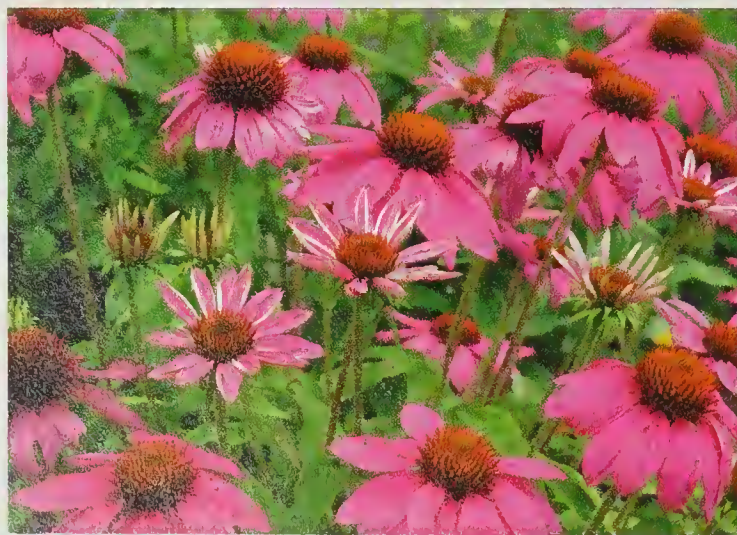
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A Cheerful Sight

Dahlias are a cheerful sight in my garden. Just after a refreshing shower, my dahlia welcomes a visitor. Look close and you'll see a tiny water droplet on her visitor's antenna.

Jan Clark, Indian Trail, a member of Union Power Cooperative



Welcome Blooms

When I'm working in my kitchen, I love to look out and see the plants growing in my flower garden. I love the begonias, marigolds, daisies, verbena, lilies and sedum, but the coneflowers are my favorite! What a beautiful welcome they provide for our family and friends!

Janis Harless, Jefferson, a member of Blue Ridge Energy



Mountain Garden Volunteers

I'm one of those addicts who love digging in the dirt, and I am constantly awed and humbled by the miracle of putting a seed in the ground and watching it grow and produce its bounty and beauty. I enjoy growing the usual crops of tomatoes, beans, squash, cucumbers, etc., in our raised bed garden with the rhododendron deer fence my husband and I designed and built.

However, I think I most enjoy the serendipitous moments of gardening when those miraculous volunteer plants appear. I often deposit gourds and pumpkins I've enjoyed as fall decorations by my garden fence and cover them with leaves. This year, I had pumpkin and gourd vines running quite amuck and here is part of the crop I harvested, shown at their best on a foggy mountain day. I also had a bumper crop of volunteer poppies and Nicotiana. My neighbors and family always enjoy my unexpected crops along with me and we have fun watching them and marveling at another miracle taking place.

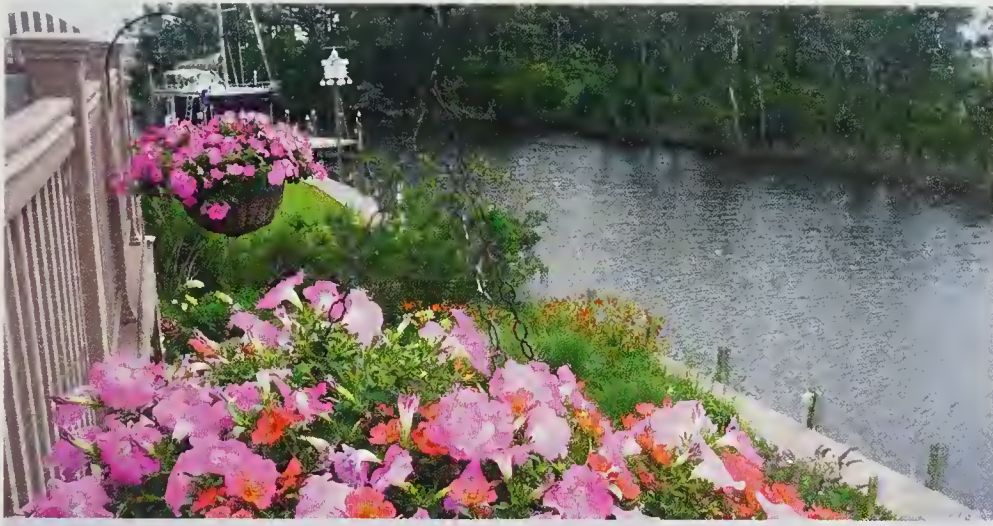
Katherine Shoffner, Boone, a member of Blue Ridge Energy



A Spicy Crop

I started growing habanero peppers due to my love for spicy foods. I have created my own Hot Mango Habanero Salsa that is great with chips or over grilled chicken. My hot venison stuffed peppers are a great snack for football games. My wife and I have not had great success with our gardens because of our deer population needing a treat; thus the more reason to grow hot peppers as the deer do not particularly care for the spiciness of our luscious plants.

Michael Isley, Belews Creek, a member of EnergyUnited



Flowers by the Sound

While we enjoy the services of Blue Ridge Energy at our mountain home in Ashe County, we call home the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Gardening in a salt and sun environment on the Albemarle Sound is a challenge but wonderfully fun!

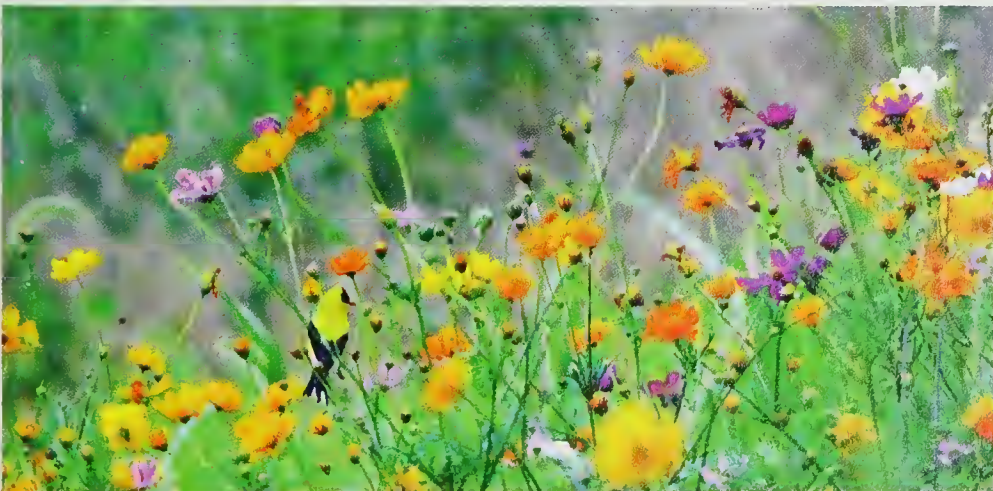
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Garden Palette

This garden is on the west side of our house. I designed it so that [when in bloom] the colors run from white to yellow to orange to red to pink to purple to black on the outside borders.

Collette Anderson, Chapel Hill, a member of Piedmont Electric



Busy Pollinators

We have always wanted to plant a pollinator garden and this was our first year having one. We planted a quarter acre field along our driveway with two and half pounds of wildflower mix and have been amazed at the amount of butterflies and birds that have been drawn to it.

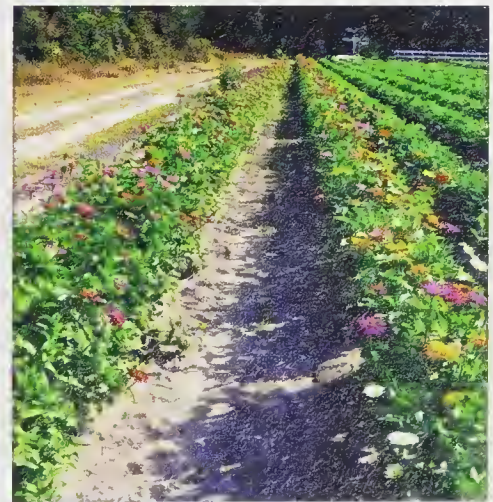
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The Tomato Plant Next Door

My dad is an amazing gardener and always has about five separate gardens around his property each year. I'm very thankful to live next door, to be able to share in the bounty! My dad is pictured here, next to his prized tomato plant. The plant must have been in the most perfect location because this ONE tomato plant grew 4 feet tall! My dad grows tomatoes every year, but this plant takes the prize!

Amy Johnson, Windsor, a member of Roanoke Electric



Two Rows for Grandmother

My grandfather plants everything from asparagus to zucchini in the family garden. However, my grandmother's favorite thing is zinnias, so he plants two rows for her every year. Both friends and family come each day to pick and enjoy the harvest. It is a great place to socialize and catch up with everyone. I especially enjoy the garden because I help pick okra and other vegetables to sell and make money for a car when I turn 16. My grandfather's garden is a great place to get delicious veggies, see old friends and make new ones.

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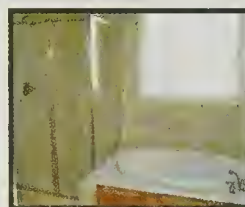
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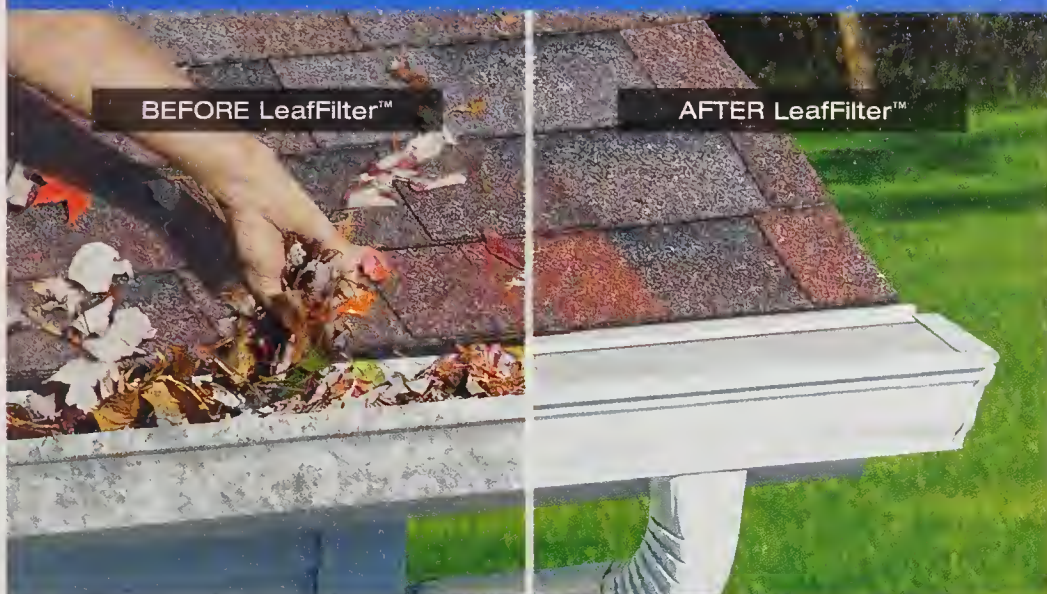
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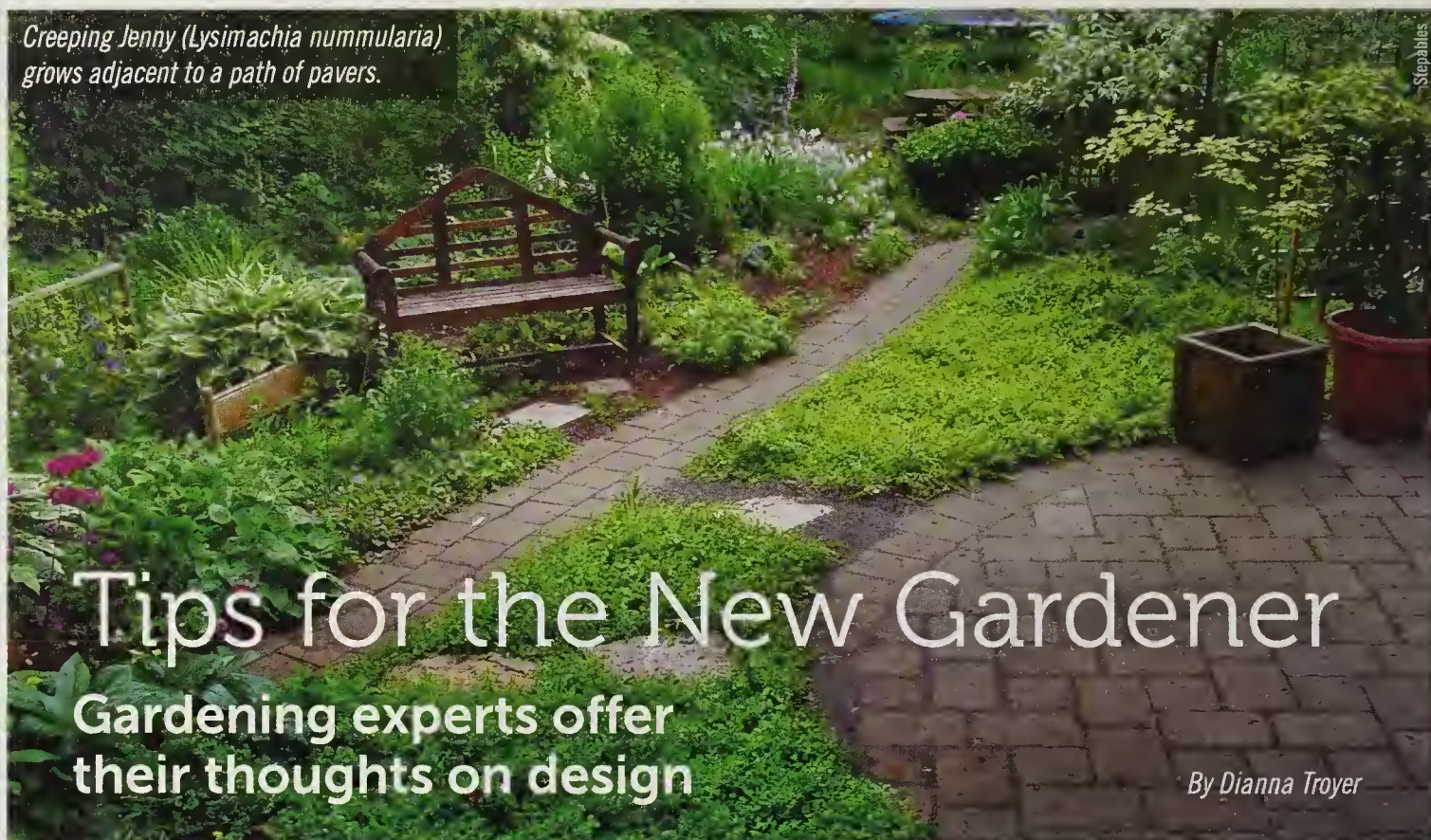
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Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia nummularia) grows adjacent to a path of pavers.



As unique as fingerprints and snowflakes, the choice of how to design a garden is as limitless as an individual's imagination.

"Ask yourself what you really want out of your garden, then design and plant with those goals in mind," says Dave Whiting, executive director of the National Gardening Association (NGA). "A lot of people just start planting things they are told to plant without thinking about whether they even want that. If you want to grow vegetables but dislike greens, don't plant greens."

Whiting and his wife, Trish, NGA's chief operating officer, prefer to think outside the [planter] box and design their gardens with vegetables and flowers in the same beds.

"In our pollinator garden, you might suddenly be surprised by a tomato plant or eggplant or who knows what else," he says. "We also grow garlic throughout the gardens. We like oregano for fresh use and grow it everywhere. It makes an excellent ground cover, too. We also grow a lot of rosemary and many other herbs."

The Whitings and their eight children care for countless plants in a 12-foot-square greenhouse and eight 10-foot-by-10-foot raised beds

arranged in a keyhole shape. The beds yield food for the family, as well as thousands of heirloom vegetables they sell as starts to local gardeners in the spring.

"More and more people—especially millennials—are environmentally aware and care about the health of the ecosystem and the quality of their food, so they're growing gardens," Whiting says.

Of the 6 million new gardeners last year, 5 million were 18- to 34-year-olds, according to Garden Media Group, a national organization that promotes gardening. In Whiting's mind, whatever a gardener plants—flowers, vegetables, herbs, trees or houseplants—it should help them lead a happier, healthier life.

Whiting and Pam Penick, author of "Lawn Gone!" and "The Water-Saving Garden," share a few of their favorite garden design ideas for 2017 that apply to gardens anywhere:

Think small

Start small, with growing areas and even miniature plants. This can avoid biting off more than you can chew.

Once your initial plantings begin to enjoy success, you can expand your garden confidently.

Whiting delights in miniature varieties of trees, shrubs, herbs and vegetables.

"Dwarf fruit trees are great because they're easy to prune, and you can reach the fruit easily," he notes.

For indoor gardens or patios, dwarf vegetables include varieties of tomatoes, summer squash, cauliflower, carrots, green beans, lettuce, eggplant, melons, peppers and cucumbers.

So long, traditional lawn

Penick carried the "small garden" concept into her yard. Instead of tending to a vast and thirsty expanse of grass, she planted a swatch of Berkeley sedge in her front yard that she mows once a year.

"It provides a lawn-like look without needing much water or fertilizer," she explains. Instead of lawn, she designed low-water garden beds, meandering paths and patios.

Another alternative for grass lawns are gardens with varieties of short creeping perennials that thrive even when people walk on them. Corsican mint is one ideal variety of "living carpet," growing 1 to 2 inches high a year and spreading 4 to 6 inches wide on average.

More and more people... care about the health of the ecosystem and the quality of their food, so they're growing gardens.

Make a place to rest

Whether a swing, glider, rocking chair or hammock, garden design should include a place to rest and revive. Penick settles in an Adirondack chair in her back garden under the shade of oak trees.

"It's important to relax in the garden and not just tend to it. I love watching hummingbirds zip around, sipping from Turk's cap and Mexican honeysuckle."

Resting among lush green plants has physical benefits, such as lowering blood pressure and sharpening cognitive skills, according to the American Horticulture Therapy Association.

"While working with people who have Alzheimer's and other memory disorders, I've seen horticulture therapy help reduce levels of depression, anxiety and stress," says Patty Cassidy, author of "Gardening for Seniors." "As these health benefits are becoming widely acknowledged, more therapeutic gardens and green spaces are being built at elementary schools, hospital complexes, corporate campuses and even prisons."

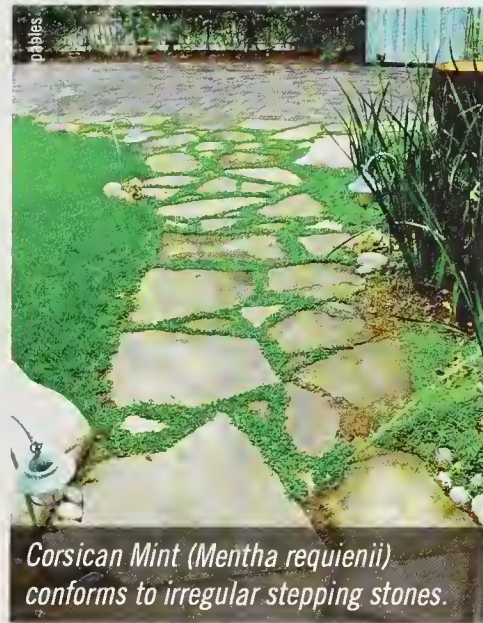
Befriend pollinators

Garden design should not only include a haven for people, but for pollinators to help bolster declining populations of bees, bats and butterflies. Many of these beneficial species also help control pests.

In its 2017 Garden Trends Report, "Grow 365," Garden Media Group advises putting up a bat house along



Day lilies are popular for home gardeners to hybridize in a variety of colors from blushing orange to deep burgundy.



*Corsican Mint (*Mentha requienii*) conforms to irregular stepping stones.*



Trish Whiting has an abundance of choices to make a rose bouquet.

with birdhouses and feeders. A bat can eat 6,000 to 8,000 mosquitos nightly while pollinating a garden.

Besides bats and birds, another way to control pests without synthetic chemicals is to plant natural repellents such as basil, chives, lavender, mint, rosemary, sage, lemon balm and thyme.

Color your world

To enliven her garden, Penick did color blocking. She painted a stucco wall cobalt blue and placed two magenta flowering plants, an ice plant and *Salvia greggii* in front of it.

Trish Whiting loves to find combinations of vibrant blooms to brighten the landscape. "We hybridize day lilies and crepe myrtles, too," she says. "It's exciting to see new blooms and new colors from seedlings we grew."

Gardening magic

The Whitings say they never tire of seeing gardening through their children's eyes.

"To them, it seems like magic to plant a seed, no matter what, then watch it germinate and grow into food they can eat or a flower they can pick," Trish says of their children, who range in age from infancy to 18 years old.

"Tending to our gardens or just looking at them still sparks a lifelong love for all living things," Dave adds. 🌱

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A bumblebee harvests pollen from a purple hyssop.

Planting for Pollinators

Go native to attract these garden assets

By Pamela A. Keene

Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds are fun to watch, but there's a more vital reason to have them around. They pollinate the plants that grow into the fruits and vegetables we eat and the blossoms we enjoy.

"Pollinators play a crucial role in the health of the ecology, and even more so in our food sources," says Dolores Savignano, climate change coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Fisheries and Habitat

Conservation. "More than 75 percent of all crops require natural pollination."

Honeybees enable the production of at least 90 commercially grown crops in North America, according to a White House fact sheet. Globally, 87 of the leading 115 food crops are dependent on animal pollinators.

Bees are born pollinators. Their hairy bodies and pocket-like structures on their back legs transport pollen back to the hive. Butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, flower flies, beetles and wasps also pollinate, with varying degrees of efficiency. Their success is almost by accident. As they dine on sweet nectar, pollen may dust them and is transferred to other flowers and plants upon which they light. The rapid beating of their wings also aids in pollination.

Unfortunately, habitat loss, disease and environmental changes have led to the decline of pollinators. As an example, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 1947 there were nearly 6 million honeybee colonies in the U.S. By 2005, that number had declined to fewer than 2.5 million colonies.

Bee friendly!


Bees that nest above ground or on the surface can quickly convert a clump of grass, a pile of old sticks and twigs, or a cavity in an old tree trunk into an ideal home. Consider leaving dead branches and dead trees in your yard to attract bees.

Some bees prefer underground nests. They typically take over unused rodent holes or insect tunnels. But if you have a bare spot on your back lawn, rethink covering it with new grass. Bees look for bare, loamy, sandy soil to make their nests.

Natural havens

How can you make your landscape enticing to pollinators in general? Plant native plants, says Savignano. Many hybrid plants or hybrid varieties of natives have been developed with appearance in mind, but with little consideration for the ability to produce nectar, pollen or fragrance. This is especially true of blooms bred to have double flowers, such as new colors of coneflowers.

Here are more tips from the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Forest Service:

- Mix in annuals, perennials, flowering shrubs and trees.
- Pollinators more easily find plants in clumps rather than single plants.
- Provide water sources, such as bird baths.
- Avoid pesticides. If you must use them, read the label for the least-toxic to wildlife. Spray at night when bees are not active. 

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Local plants that please

These plants, native to North Carolina, are among many that attract pollinators.

- Lanceleaf blanketflower
- Bee balm
- Virginia spiderwort
- Great blue lobelia
- Mountain mint
- Milkweeds
- Asters

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for a longer list of plants that divides blooms by seasons

Forging Family Ties

Fun ways that grandparents and grandkids can bond

There's no arguing that grandparents have special relationships with their grandchildren. However, with today's hectic family schedules and the fact that grandparents can live long distances away, it can be a challenge for everyone to stay in touch. Here are five fun ideas for staying connected while developing closer bonds, too.

1 Play games online

Technology can be a wonderful way for different generations to connect long distance. Beyond phone and video calls, schedule time for grandkids and grandparents to play virtually. There are numerous programs that let players in different locations challenge each other for cards, checkers, chess and more. Interactive sketching apps make drawing or playing tic-tac-toe a breeze from two locations. A little play can make everyone's day.

2 Video performances

If you cannot connect in-person but the kids and grandkids want to show off their talents, try a video performance! Whether it's demonstrating the year's dance recital choreography, practicing a new tune on the piano, or acting out a fun play, kids will enjoy showing off and grandparents will feel extra loved. Hit record and send grandparents the file afterward so they can revisit any time they're missing the grandkids.

3 Weekly phone chats

Making a weekly phone date helps ensure everyone stays in touch. Make it a convenient time for everyone involved. If your schedule changes a lot, change the time from week to week after agreeing when to call next. For those with phone plans that don't cover the cost of long distance phone calls, consider using a cell phone provider to make those calls budget-friendly. For example, TracFone (tracfonesswitch.com) offers smartphone plans that allow you to keep your old phone number. Since they are contract-free, you can change your plan as your data needs suit.

4 Enjoy books together

The written word has a way of bringing people together. Pull up video calling for the whole family to read a goodnight story together. Older kids can select a series of interest with their grandparents and read at the same time, meeting each week via a video or phone for a discussion. Perhaps Grandpa or Grandma can start by suggesting their childhood favorite, and family members can take turns selecting books from there.

5 Pen pal exchanges

Yes, they still exist, and letters are special in a digital world. And kids still love to get mail. Small kids can color pictures while big kids can practice penmanship and writing skills. Grandparents and grandkids alike will love receiving fun surprises in the mail from each other. Strive to send items once a week so everyone has something to look forward to. 📧

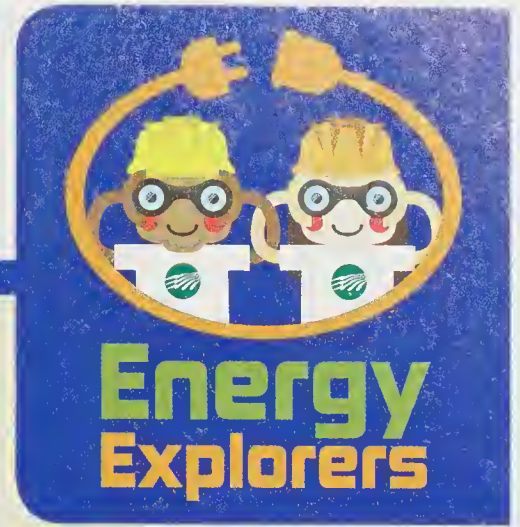
—Brandpoint



Capture moments together with spontaneous selfies.

Storm Safety Crossword

Spring officially arrives Monday, March 20. Although the season brings colorful flowers and warmer weather, it can also produce severe storms. The Energy Explorers want to remind everyone to stay safe when severe weather hits. Complete the crossword puzzle below and share these tips with your family and friends.

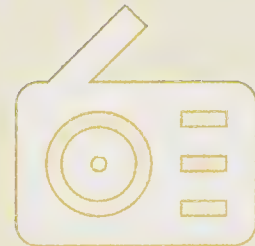
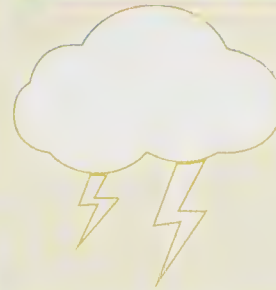
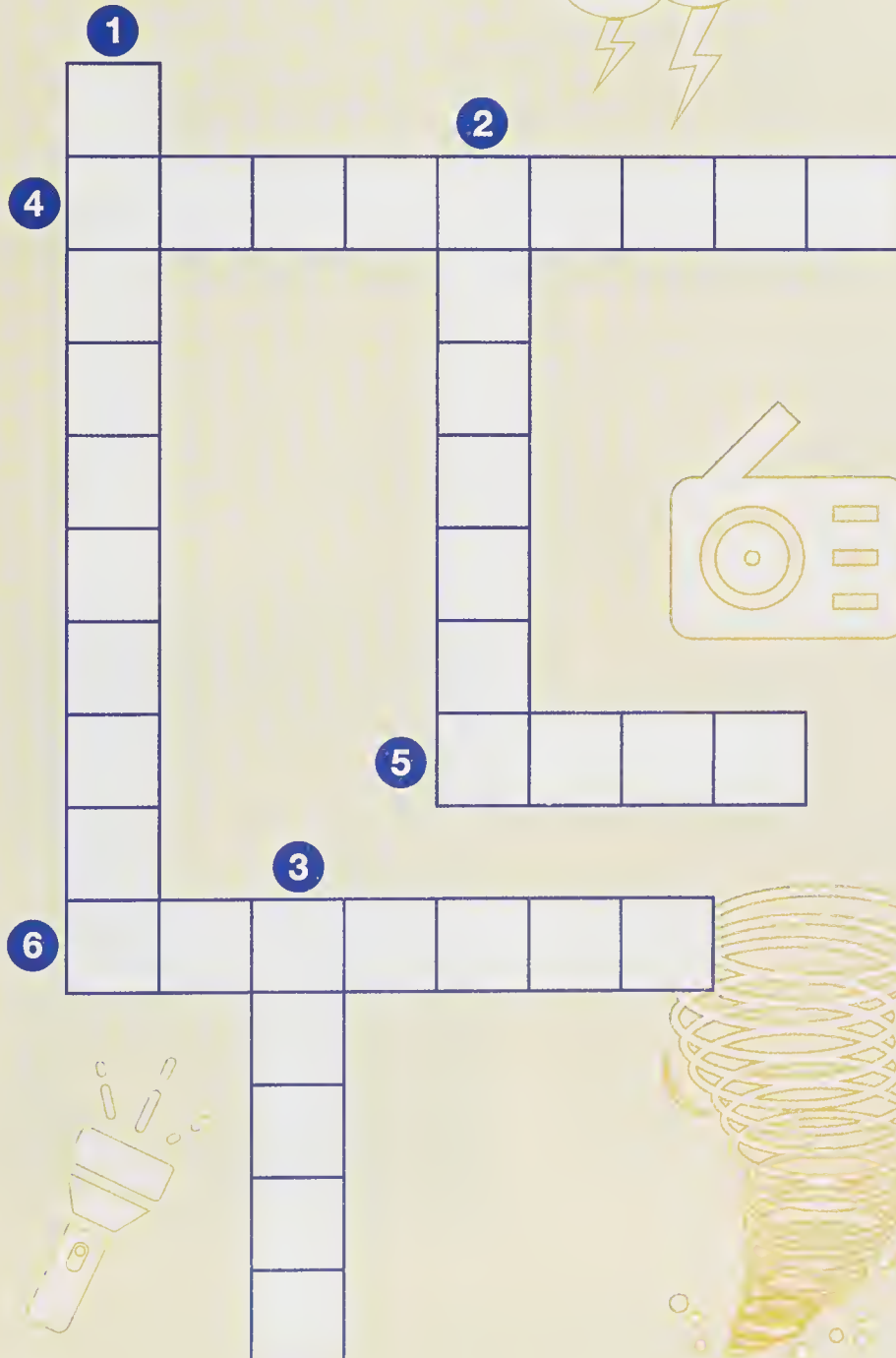


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1. Keep a _____ handy in case of a power outage.
2. If you hear _____ go inside. If you can hear it, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning.
3. Have a battery-powered weather _____ nearby so you can keep track of the severe weather.

ACROSS

4. Watch for signs of a thunderstorm, including dark skies, flashes of _____ or heavy winds.
5. If a tornado is heading your way, pick a safe _____ in your home where family can gather. The safest places would be a basement, storm cellar or interior room.
6. Practice a family _____ drill at least once a year.





Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Corn

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- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup crunchy granola
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup walnut halves

In a bowl, toss popcorn with melted butter.

Combine sugar with cinnamon; sprinkle over popcorn. Toss with granola, raisins and walnuts until combined.

Yield: 10 cups

Crunchy Popcorn Trail Mix

- 5 cups popped popcorn
- 3 cups whole-grain oat cereal
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup raisins
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup peanuts (or other nuts)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sunflower seeds
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup ($\frac{1}{2}$ stick) butter or margarine
- 6 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup

In a large, microwavable bowl, stir together popcorn, cereal, raisins, nuts and seeds; set aside.

In small saucepan, combine butter, brown sugar and corn syrup. Heat until boiling; cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Pour over popcorn mixture, stirring to coat evenly. Microwave 3–4 minutes, stirring and scraping bowl after each minute.

Spread onto greased cookie sheet; cool. Break into pieces and store in airtight container.

Yield: 9 cups

Crunchy Apple Popcorn

- 6 cups popped popcorn
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups dried apple chips

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with foil; butter foil. Spread popcorn in pan and drizzle with melted butter; toss popcorn. Sprinkle popcorn with sugar and cinnamon, and toss again.

Bake 7 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven.

Sprinkle apple chips over popcorn. Heat an additional 3 minutes in the oven.

Serve warm, or cool to room temperature. Store in airtight container.

Yield: 7 cups

Sensible Snacks

Treats that really pop

Next time you reach for a snack, go for a great-tasting option that delivers on both flavor and nutrition.

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Popcorn Granola Bars

- Nonstick cooking spray
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup peanut butter
- 1 cup granola cereal
- 1 cup roasted and salted peanuts
- 3 cups popped popcorn

Line 8- or 9-inch square baking pan with foil. Spray foil lightly with cooking spray; set aside.

In large saucepan, heat honey until boiling. Stir in peanut butter until well blended.

Remove pan from heat and stir in granola, peanuts and popcorn until coated. Press mixture evenly into prepared pan.

Refrigerate until cool; cut into bars to serve.

Yield: 16 bars



Popcorn Granola Bars

Perfect popcorn trick

There's nothing like the taste of freshly popped popcorn and nothing like the disappointment of burnt popcorn. Here's how to avoid burnt kernels, whether you are cooking your popcorn on the stove, in a hot-air popper or in a microwave. When the popping begins to slow, listen carefully. When you can count two seconds between pops, remove your popcorn from the heat.

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Neon Eggplant

The Incredible, Edible, Ornamental Eggplant

By L.A. Jackson

Way, way back when I was just a young sprout, I had many myopic opinions on important subjects such as girls, sports, school, adults and food.

Of the latter, eggplant ranked high on my no-way eating list because (1) it had a weird name; (2) it looked weird; and, (3) most of all, it was just weird.

I am happy to say that, at least when it comes to eggplant, I have since become enlightened. Casting aside my misgivings through the years, I discovered eggplant grilled or fried is a very tasty treat, as are such international eggplant-based delights as moussaka, ratatouille, iman bayildi and eggplant parmigiana.

So, after the soil has warmed up in late spring, it is now not unusual to find these “weird” plants taking up space in my garden. The interesting thing is that, at least for me, eggplants have only become weirder—but this time, in a good way.

The hit parade

Ink black color and a chubby, oblong shape are the classic calling cards of fruits from typical cultivars such as

Black Beauty and Black Magic (both of which can usually be found as plantlets in the spring at local garden shops), and this look is echoed by other proven performers such as Florida High Bush, Amadeo and Early Midnight.

However, as with fashions, styles change, and skinny eggplants seem to be in these days, with slimmer, trimmer fruits from such varieties as Ichiban, Millionaire and Hansel now on the hit parade. And, along with these slender selections, there has come a delightfully strange explosion of color, with the aptly-named, screaming bright purple Neon leading the charge, accompanied by a similar visual sizzle from the sleek, electric lavender Pingtung.

This purple color procession marches on with the popularity of Rosa Bianca, an Italian heirloom streaked with light lilac and dusted

in white, while the drops on ‘Purple Rain’ drip deeper into the violet spectrum—a look echoed by stripes on the enchanting, petite-sized Fairy Tale.

There has even been an unusual fade to jade with cultivars such as Green Goddess, Kermit and Louisiana Long Green, bringing a completely new hue to the eggplant palette. White is also starting to light up gardens with bright introductions such as Casper, Crescent Moon, Gretel and Ghostbuster.

Finally, from the Can’t-Believe-It’s-An-Eggplant file, the small fruits of Turkish Orange look more like miniature pumpkins, while Red Ruffled resembles 3-inch-diameter, crinkled tomatoes.

Of course, not all of the cultivars just mentioned will be found at your local nursery, but their seeds can be bought online. So, by ordering seeds now and starting them indoors as soon as they arrive by mail, the young plants should be of sufficient size to go out into the garden by May, a perfect, balmy month for introducing these heat-lovers to a new growing season.

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Cultivating your crop

Eggplants should be sited in a sunny area of prepared soil that is well draining and fairly rich. The vegetable garden, of course, is the most obvious place to situate eggplant, but, keeping the eye candy possibilities of some of the sassier, weirder colored cultivars in mind, don't be shy about incorporating them into container plantings or even flower beds to surprise friends. Just note that, if mixed with ornamentals, only use pesticides cleared for use on edibles.

Eggplants are heavy feeders, so a dependable supply of nutrients is a must. One small handful of complete fertilizer such as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 around each young starter will get them off to a good beginning at planting time, but after that, watering occasionally with fish emulsion, compost tea or liquid seaweed meal will help take care of the plants' micronutrient needs. When fruits start to develop, you might reward the plants with an additional small dose of complete fertilizer. Also, give eggplants at least two feet of space so they have minimal competition for nutrients.

Eggplants aren't without their problems. Phytophthora blight, tobacco mosaic and verticillium wilt can get to these plants, but there are resistant varieties available. Rotating crops will also help keep these bad boys at bay, but care must be taken to prevent



Hansel Eggplant



Fairy Tale Eggplant

placing eggplants in areas where other plants that are also susceptible to these diseases grew the year before. This includes tomatoes, peppers, okra, potatoes and strawberries.

While there are disease-resistant varieties, there is no such thing as a bug-proof eggplant, and four particularly pesky pests to be on guard against are aphids, spider mites, Colorado potato beetles and flea beetles. Especially flea beetles. Even if you have never, ever grown eggplant in your garden, flea beetles are liable to show up from the next county to poke their tiny little holes in your plants' foliage. Fortunately, there are plenty of chemical controls to take care of these six-legged problems, including insecticides that contain Pyrethrin or Spinosad.

If you are new to eggplant growing,



L.A.'s Easy Peasy Eggplant Recipe

One good way to get over any bug-a-boo about eating eggplant is so unabashedly Southern: Just fry it. Here is a simple recipe I do enjoy that, to me, brings out the best of eggplant's unique flavor.

- 1 medium to large eggplant, peeled and sliced into ¼-inch pieces
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1½ cup Italian breadcrumbs
- 3 tablespoons canola oil

While the oil is heating on medium in a nonstick pan, dip the eggplant pieces in egg and then liberally coat both sides with breadcrumbs. Cook in batches of four for about two to three minutes on each side, until both are golden brown and centers are soft.

Remove, place on paper towel to absorb excess oil, serve, salt to taste, and enjoy!

Serving tip: At your next cookout, serve hamburgers topped with slices of tasty fried eggplant! (This also creates an excuse to show off your bumper crop in the garden.)

just how will you know an eggplant is ready to be picked? The skin of a mature eggplant is shiny, and it will give in when pressed slightly by a fingernail, with the indentation remaining. Fruits that go from shiny to dull are more inclined to taste bitter.

Finally, to maximize production, harvest often. But when you pick an eggplant, don't pull it off; snip it instead. These fruits are usually reluctant to depart from the mother plant, and the branches could be damaged if you get into a tug-of-war with them. In addition, cutting the fruits off will assure that you retain a small part of the stems to go with the eggplants, which will help them last longer in storage. 🍆

L.A. Jackson is the former editor of Carolina Gardeners magazine. Read his Carolina Gardens column on page 30.

I Remember.



Grady Money shows off his tomato crop.

A Garden Feeds a Community

My husband Grady loved his garden after retiring from his job. The garden wasn't large, but he planted all he could take handle. Grady kept only what we needed for our family, the rest went to families in the community. Grady gave most of the garden's bounty away to the many folk with families that could use the extra food. He usually had several bushels of potatoes, a favorite among the folks. He usually had corn and beans too. Tomatoes were his favorite to grow. The photo shows Grady standing on a six-foot ladder holding a red tomato and a yellow tomato. This was Grady's last garden. He passed at age 79 on December 26, 2014.

Ms. Hazel Money, Thurmond, a member of Surry-Yadkin EMC

The 'True Grit' of Granny Roten

Some of my fondest memories go back to my childhood and my Granny Roten. I can't remember a time when she wasn't there, and I was always "her shadow." As a little girl, one of my biggest thrills was snuggling up next to her in her little

feather bed, where I found protection and warmth. She made beautiful rugs out of rags and raised the most beautiful flowers in her flower garden. She shared both of these with everyone that showed an interest. Church was her most favorite place to go. She would get all dressed up in her finest, complete with her prettiest little hats. When I accepted the Lord into my life at 12 years old, how we both rejoiced!

My Granny Roten was a lady with "true grit," having been widowed twice and raising seven children of her own, four daughters and three sons, one of which she lost in service. She also helped raise four stepdaughters. My beloved Granny Roten went home

to be with the Lord at 89 years of age. Time has passed and I am now a grandma and great-grandma. I just hope someday I can be the kind of "Granny" to them as she was to me.

Ann Ray, West Jefferson, a member of Blue Ridge Energy



Granny Roten in her flower garden with granddaughter Ann on her lap. The little boy is Ann's brother.

Grandpa's Lessons

Unforgettable Memories!

"Tommy Toe" tomatoes, Molly the mule, roasted corn from the tobacco barn fires, fruit-laden cherry, apple and pear trees...

Thanks to our grandpa, Robert Owen of Shoals, N.C., we grandchildren learned about roosters, hens, chicks and gathering of eggs from nests. We learned pigs squeal like crazy while eating "pig slop." Grandpa told us he once saved the life of a newborn pig by giving it a sip of his home-brewed muscadine wine. Tall tale or not, we loved that story.

Cool weather meant hog killing day, with men outside preparing hams for curing, and women inside making sausages, liver puddings and Grandpa's favorite — pickled pigs' feet.

Grandpa harvested peanuts and dried them on the flat tin roof of a barn closest to his house.

Everyone followed Grandpa and his tractor up and down long dusty rows, filling feed sacks with potatoes. Cut potatoes went into buckets to be used immediately. Grandpa allowed his grandchildren to sit on the flatbed trailer for a bumpy, but exciting ride to the pack house where the potatoes were stored for winter.

Grandpa plugged watermelons with his pocketknife to check if they were ready to eat. If not, like a puzzle piece, he'd plug it and leave the melon on the vine for later.

Grandpa's house stands empty. The barns are gone, but memories are priceless!

Bonnie G. Cook, Westfield, a member of Surry-Yadkin EMC



Grandpa Robert Owen with six of his 10 grandchildren.

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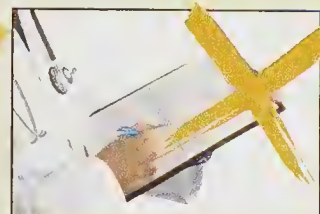
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Longwood Purple Wisteria

Born in the USA: Native Wisterias

The lovely lure of a mature wisteria in spring bloom is undeniable, but such a sensational show usually comes from either Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*) or Japanese wisteria (*W. floribunda*), both aggressive vines that can quickly stretch beyond 60 feet. And, by way of seeds and underground runners, they can also easily escape the garden to overwhelm native habitats, girdling trunks and shading or breaking branches as they spread. Not surprisingly, both have been labeled invasive in the Southeast.

However, there is a way to enjoy wisteria without worrying about it wandering away—consider selections of American wisteria (*W. frutescens*) or Kentucky wisteria (*W. macrostachya*), which are both native to this country. These indigenous alternatives tend to restrain their reach to around 30 feet or shorter, and are less inclined to over-propagate and swallow the countryside. Listed below are selections of wisterias (to borrow heavily from Bruce Springsteen) born in the USA. They can be found for sale at local garden shops or online, and will accent rather than attack your landscape this spring.

Amethyst Falls. An American wisteria, this cultivar has really caught

the attention of Southeast gardeners. Although its bluish-purple flower racemes are a modest (compared to its Asian cousins) 6 inches long and only mildly fragrant, this vine will not keep a homeowner up at night wondering if it has covered the garage yet.

Longwood Purple. Another American wisteria, it exhibits deeper purple blooms than Amethyst Falls and tends to have bushier foliage. Typical of all wisterias, Longwood Purple will flower best in a sunny location.

Blue Moon. A Kentucky wisteria selection, this vine shows off fragrant dangles of blue-violet blossoms that can be up to a foot long. And Blue Moon is very hardy—it will take temperatures down to minus 40 degrees!

Nivea. Looking for a divine vine to add to a white garden? The tightly clustered blooms of this American wisteria soften the species' typical purple blossoms to an elegant white hue. The Kentucky wisteria Clara Mack also displays flowers in a lighter shade of pale, but its racemes are longer, stretching up to a foot in length. ☺

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Garden To Do's for March

To prep your backyard pond for better displays this spring and summer, now is the time to fertilize water-loving marginal plants such as rose mallow, cardinal flower, spike rush, dwarf papyrus, colocasia and sweet flag. For the most dazzle, apply nutrients every five to six weeks through the growing season.

- ☐ Bulbs such as daffodils, spring star-flower, species tulips, hyacinths and crocus can naturalize in Carolina gardens, and they will become established faster if their energy-absorbing leaves are allowed to fade from green to brown before pruning.
- ☐ Can't wait to get growing in the veggie patch? At the beginning of this month, break out the plants and seeds of such cool-season vegetables as lettuce, kale, onions, spinach, potatoes, sugar snaps and radishes.
- ☐ While mulch is a beneficial addition to garden beds, hold off on covering areas where spring and summer annuals will be grown. Leave them bare to the warming sun so the soil temperature will rise to a comfortable level before introducing heat-loving seeds and young plants in April.
- ☐ The best mint for the garden is the contained mint. Unless used as a fragrant, rampant groundcover, plant mint in a pot to restrain its ability to run crazy through the garden.



Time to fertilize Colocasia.

- ☐ Middle of the month is prime planting time for beets, broccoli, cauliflower and Chinese cabbage.

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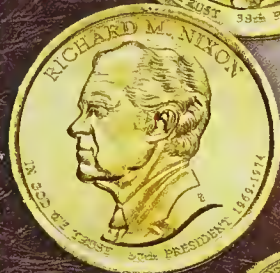
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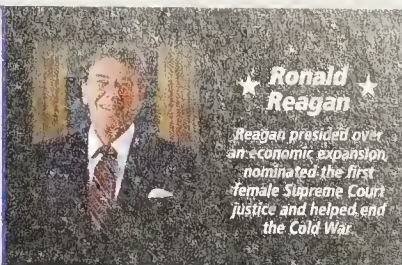
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roxboronc.com

Paradise Lost
Play about good and evil
March 2-4, Fayetteville
910-420-4383
sweetteashakespeare.com

Dr. Seuss Parade & Family Fun Day
March 4, Spring Lake
910-436-0011
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Glassfest
March 4, Star
910-428-9001
Starworksnc.org

Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live
Life-sized puppets
March 5, Fayetteville
910-438-4100
crowncomplexnc.com

Clean Energy Summit
March 10-11, Fayetteville
910-484-9098
sustainablesandhills.org



Quilt Show
March 10-11, Monroe

Quilt Show
Vendors, raffle prizes
March 10-11, Monroe
704-283-3513
charlottequiltersguild.org

Reptile & Amphibian Day
March 11, Raleigh
919-707-9890
naturalsciences.org

Old-Time Fiddlers' Convention
Competition prizes, food
March 11, Robbins
910-464-3600
bit.ly/1xYSWWO

Mountains

My Name is Rachel Corrie
Peace activist play
March 2-3, Waynesville
828-456-6322
harttheatre.org

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
March 3, Franklin
866-273-4615
greatmountainmusic.com

Burnsville Spring Fest
March 11, Burnsville
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burnsvilletowncenter.com

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March 16, Asheville
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asapconnections.org

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Summit trail race
March 18, Sylva
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The Texas Tenors
March 24, Franklin
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greatmountainmusic.com

Gem and Mineral Show
March 24-26, Hickory
828-446-5400
cvgmc.com

Pottery & Antiques Festival
Demos, lecture, vendors
March 25, Hickory
828-324-7294
catawbavalleypotteryfestival.org

2017 Polar Plunge
Special Olympics Alleghany County
March 25, Roaring Gap
elisabethedwards12@gmail.com

ONGOING

Susan Lenz: In Stitches
Textile art, fiber vessels
Feb. 17-March 31, Asheville
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grovewood.com

Mountain Music
Thursdays, Marion
828-652-2215
hometownmarion.com

Classic Nashville Roadshow
March 8-18, Flat Rock
828-693-0731
flatrockplayhouse.org

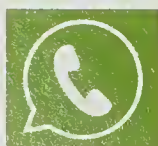
Music of Rat Pack
March 9-19, Hendersonville
828-693-0731
flatrockplayhouse.org

Dobson Cruise-In
March 11-Sept. 9, Dobson
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Rock School Arts Foundation
Spring Exhibition
March 12-Apr. 21, Valdese
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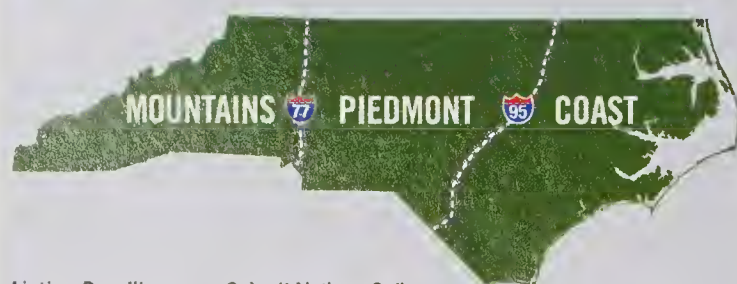
Piedmont

Saint Joan
Life of Joan of Arc
March 1-4, Fayetteville
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sweetteashakespeare.com



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In Sherman's Path

Final days of Confederate arsenal
March 12, Fayetteville
910-486-1330
museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov

Come to the Table

Sustainable food, hunger conference
March 16, Durham
919-704-6920
rafiusa.org/cttt

Cape Fear Wildlife Expo

March 17–19, Fayetteville
910-795-0292
capefearwildlifeexpo.com

St. Patrick's Day Parade

More entertainment after
March 18, Pinehurst
vopnc.org

All American Marathon

March 26, Fayetteville
910-907-3616
allamericanmarathon.com

The Price is Right Live!

Interactive production, prizes
March 26, Fayetteville
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crowncomplexnc.com

Book Launch Fundraiser

For kids with special needs
March 27, Winston-Salem
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terrikirbyerickson.com

Harlem Globetrotters

Ball-handling wizardry
March 30, Fayetteville
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Cape Fear Wildlife Expo
March 17–19, Fayetteville

The Student and the Teacher

Campbellton Youth Chorus
March 24, Fayetteville
910-630-7153
singwithcos.org

Rosenwald School Fundraiser

Dinner, speaker
March 25, Charlotte
704-568-1774
charlottemuseum.org

Maifest

Jason Michael Carroll
March 25, Louisburg
866-773-6354
jpacarts.com

Heroes Among Us

Focus on military, civil servants
March 25, Fayetteville
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fayettevillesymphony.org

ONGOING**Intimate Apparel**

Drama about race, religion
March 2–19, Fayetteville
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cfrt.org

Dissolving the Black Square

Shibui painting series
March 3–April 29, Yadkinville
336-679-2941
yadkinarts.org

Secret World Inside You

Exhibit about the body
Through March 12, Raleigh
919-707-9890
naturalsciences.org



Guided Trolley Tours
March 1–31, Edenton

The Secret Garden

Musical about young orphan
March 24–April 9, Fayetteville
910-678-7186
gilberttheater.com

Particle Falls - Air Made Visible

Animated light projection
March 24–Apr. 23, Raleigh
particlefallsral.org

Let the River Answer

Paintings, jewelry, wood
March 27–Apr. 23, Hillsborough
919-732-5001
hillsboroughgallery.com

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Giveaways, auction
March 2, St. James
910-457-6964
southport-oakisland.com

Uptown First Friday Artwalk

March 3, Greenville
252-561-8400
uptowngreenville.com

Home & Garden Show

March 4–5, Morehead City
252-247-3883, ext. 5645
crystalcoastcivicctr.com

African American Music Series

March 10, Greenville
252-551-6947
pittcountyarts.com

It Happened in the Park 2:**The Wedding**

Musical variety show
March 10–12, Oriental
252-249-0477
oldtheater.org

NC Catch Summit

Seafood education
March 13&14, Nags Head
252-944-2410
nccatch.org

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Friday Flicks series
March 17, Oriental
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Singer Melinda Doolittle

American Idol finalist
March 18, Oriental
252-617-2125
www.pamlicomusic.org

The Stone Rolled Away

Easter show, buffet
March 25, Edenton
252-482-4621
rockyhockplayhouse.com

Shad Shootout

Tournament for various ages
March 25, Weldon
1-252-536-4836
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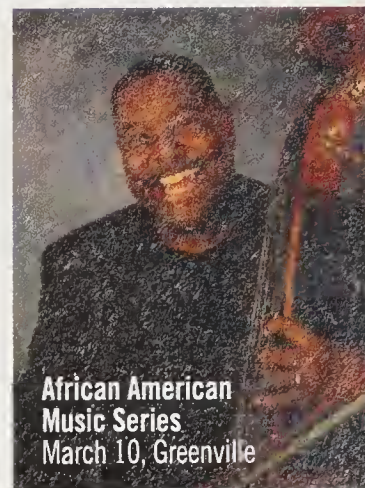
Outer Banks artisans
March 4–18, Manteo
252-475-1500
roanokeisland.com

Guided Trolley Tours

March 1–31, Edenton
800-775-0111
visitedenton.com

Women's History Month

Guided walking tours
March 1–31, Edenton
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visitedenton.com



**African American
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March 10, Greenville



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CAROLINA COUNTRY adventures



Revel in 'Nature's Playground'

Burke County has a little something for everyone

By Renee Gannon

Visitors to Burke County immerse themselves in the natural beauty that Revolutionary soldiers marched through on their way to battle at Kings Mountain. Native Americans, explorers and settlers alike set down roots here more than 200 years ago, founding towns such as Morganton, Valdese and Rutherford College in the Catawba River Valley, along the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Burke County boasts the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi at Linville Gorge within the Pisgah National Forest, two of the state's most recognizable peaks at Table Rock and Hawksbill, and hiking and bike trails throughout the largest state park at South Mountains State Park.

Replenish Your Soul

Dubbed "Nature's Playground," the Morganton/Burke County area offers plenty for those seeking fresh air, a little exercise and time away from all of society's "noise."

South Mountains State Park provides a backcountry experience for all levels of outdoor enthusiasts. The park occupies about 20,000 acres of the 100,000-acre South Mountains, with more than 45 miles of trails. Elevations reach 3,000 feet, with an 80-foot waterfall featured on the High Shoals Falls Loop trail (2.7-mile loop), just one of 20 trails available.

The park suffered from the Chestnut Knob Wildfire that scorched many parts of Western North Carolina late last year. But according to park ranger Leigh Ann Angle, just one trail remains closed due to damage, the Chestnut Knob Trail.

"The park offers periodic fire-related programs to educate people about the wildfire and its effects," Angle says. "We have a lot of park to explore, so visitors should come see what is hidden away in these mountains."

Other places to explore include Table Rock Mountain, the Pisgah National Forest environs and waterfalls such as the Upper Creek Falls. For paddlers, the 6,812-acre reservoir at Lake James State Park offers hiking trails along the shoreline and up into the vistas surrounding the lake, a swimming access and paddling opportunities.

A View from Above

How about viewing the mountains and valleys from 2,000 feet above ground? At Thermal Valley Hang Gliding, visitors rise above the trees for a different view of areas such as Table Rock Mountain, Grandfather Mountain and Brown Mountain. Located at the Foothills Regional Airport between Morganton and Lenoir, you ride with an experienced pilot in a tandem hang glider towed up by a light sport aircraft, then set free to quietly coast along the air currents, often boosted up by the thermal vents that occur in the region.

Replenish the Body

After hours spent hiking, kayaking and gliding in the sky, Burke County offers many respite opportunities. Visitors can relax at Brown Mountain Bottleworks Catawba Brewing and Fonta Flora Brewing in Morganton, Blue Ridge Distillery in Golden Valley, and South Mountain Distillery in Rutherford College, and wineries such as Silver Fork, Lake James Cellars, Belle Nicho and South Creek. Barbecue is a must with area favorites including JD's Smokehouse in Rutherford College and Judge's in Morganton. Other local restaurants in Morganton that offer eclectic menus include King Street Café, Wisteria Southern Gastro Pub and Root & Vine. 🍷

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ncparks.gov/south-mountains-state-park
(828) 433-4772

Thermal Valley Hang Gliding
thermalvalley.net
(828) 292-8289

Burke County Tourism Development Authority
discoverburkecounty.com
(888) 462-2921

State of Origin Beer Festival
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fontaflora.com/festival

WHERE IN CAROLINA COUNTRY ← IS THIS?

This is a Carolina Country scene in Touchstone Energy territory. If you know where it is, send your answer by March 6 with your name, address and the name of your electric cooperative.

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Multiple entries from the same person will be disqualified.

The winner, chosen at random and announced in our April issue, will receive \$25.

Have a roadside gem you'd like to share?

Submit a photo, plus a brief description and general location information, at carolinacountry.com/where.



February winner

The February Where is This photo taken by Tara Verna features a giant rooster standing guard on Pocomoke Road in Franklin County, between Franklinton and Pocomoke. Many readers call the rooster "George," as he is a familiar face in the area. George is owned by Michael and Kelly Burch, owners of the Burch Rescue Farm. Unfortunately, high winds in late January knocked George down, causing minor damage. Deborah Berry commented that "the rooster looks a little different at the moment, standing on his head!" Readers are hopeful he will be standing tall again soon. The winning entry chosen at random from all the correct submissions came from Anthony Bonini of Franklinton, a Wake Electric member.

A Tiger in the Garden

An Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly feeding on a Mexican Sunflower.

*Hannah Phillips,
Mocksville, a member
of EnergyUnited*

The Photo of the Month comes from those that scored an honorable mention from the judges in our 2016 photo contest ("Carolina Country Scenes," February 2016). See even more Photos of the Week on our website carolinacountry.com.



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Energy Efficient Trees?

How landscaping can help you save energy

Late winter and early spring are great times to think about changes you want to make to your home's landscape. While the goal of most lawn and garden projects is to bring beauty to your outdoor space, a well-designed project can also improve your energy bill, increase the overall value of your home and provide additional benefits, such as reduced noise pollution, optimized water use and cleaner air around your home.

The two best strategies for improving the energy efficiency of your home with landscaping are to incorporate shading in the summer and wind blocking in the winter.

Summer shading

Shading your home is the most cost-effective way to reduce heat gain from the sun and reduce your air conditioning costs in the summer, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Having more plants and trees in your yard can reduce the air temperature by up to 6 degrees Fahrenheit.

Planting deciduous trees on the south, southwest and west sides of your home can cut heating during hot summer months, while allowing sunlight through during the fall and winter, when the trees have lost their leaves. When planting trees, consider the expected shape and height of the mature trees and where they will shade your home. A tree with a high mature height planted on the south side of a home, for example, will provide all-day roof shading in the summer, while a lower tree on the west side of your home can protect your home from the

lower afternoon sun.

Plant trees an appropriate distance away from your home so they do not disrupt your foundation or your roof as they grow. While it will be five to 10 years before a newly planted tree will begin providing shade to your roof, it can start shading windows immediately. Incorporate other plants to provide near-term shade. Shrubs, bushes and vines can quickly shade windows and walls.

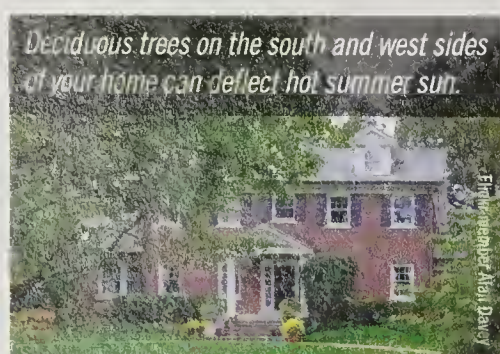
Also consider any paved areas around your home and how you can shade them during the summer. Think about walking across your driveway barefoot on a hot July afternoon—if your driveway or patio is unshaded, it is probably quite difficult. That absorbed heat is also reflecting onto your home, causing your air conditioner to work even harder. You can use trees, hedges and other landscaping structures such as arbors to shade these paved areas.

Wind-blocking techniques

If your home is in an open area without many structures around it, cold winter winds may be increasing your heating bills. A windbreak on your property can help deflect these winds over your home. The most common type of windbreak uses a combination of conifer (evergreen) trees and shrubs to block wind from the ground to the top of your home. For the best windbreak effect, plant these features on the north and northwest sides of your home at a distance of between two and five times the height of the mature



An arbor or trellis over a door or window can provide both an interesting focal point and summer shade.



Deciduous trees on the south and west sides of your home can deflect hot summer sun.

trees. Incorporating a wall or fence can further assist with the wind break.

Another insulating technique is to plant shrubs and bushes closer to your home, but at least one foot away. The space between these plants and your home is “dead air space,” which helps insulate your home during winter and summer months.

The particular landscaping strategies you should focus on will depend on your climate zone. Those of us in the Southeast living in a hot, humid climate will want to maximize summer shade.

Regardless of where you are located, if you live near powerlines, talk with your electric cooperative about how far away newly planted trees should be from these lines before making any final design decisions to your yard. **G**

This column was co-written by Pat Keegan and Amy Wheelless of Collaborative Efficiency. For more ideas on energy efficient landscaping, visit: collaborativeefficiency.com/energytips.

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Treating Well Water

Q: After reading your column last month (“Being Wise About Well Water,” page 38), I took the plunge and had my private well water tested. I am nervously awaiting the results and wondering if my family will be able to afford any necessary water treatment. What happens when the test results arrive?

A: Anticipating test results can be a stressful waiting game. Test results will arrive in a written report and be accompanied by a recommendation if any contaminants need to be reduced with water treatment. Let’s assume your well water test results reveal that treatment is necessary.

1 Select a water treatment method.

With the guidance of your county health department’s well water program, which is usually part of the Environmental Health section, consider the effective treatment options. If filtration is needed, confirm the selected filter is certified by the National Sanitation Foundation International (NSF) for the contaminant you need to reduce. Treatment methods can be on a small or large scale. For example, filtering water at a faucet tap or in a water pitcher may be sufficient to reduce certain contaminants. On the other hand, if Cousin Eddie’s junk cars are leeching volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into your well, drilling a new well elsewhere may be in order.

Between the extremes of a simple faucet filter or drilling a new well, are household filter systems. Parts and labor can range in price from \$200 to \$1,000. Options may include the following:

- Reverse osmosis filters use a semi-permeable membrane to remove contaminants, then the water is passed through a charcoal filter. For every gallon of treated water, two to 10 gallons are wasted.
- Whole-house point-of-entry systems filter all water entering your home.
- Ion-exchange units remove fluorides and dissolved salts to reduce scaly build-up on sinks and tubs.
- Distillation units boil water to create steam (leaving behind contaminants), then water vapor is captured and delivered for use.



2 Choose a water treatment installer.

Get installation quotes from three companies and contact at least three references for each company. Ask the references if the installation was completed in a timely and professional manner. If the quotes are confusing, reach out to your county health department for clarification and guidance.

3 Install the water treatment system, then retest the water.

Water will need to be retested through your county health department to confirm the contaminants have been reduced to acceptable levels. Though tempting, it is not recommended to hire a water treatment company to retest the water.

4 Maintain your system.

Routine maintenance of water treatment systems or filters is key to avoiding future problems. Also, plan ahead by saving for retesting your well in three to five years.

Being personally responsible for the safety of your drinking water can be nerve-wracking, and North Carolina groundwater standards are generally more stringent than federal drinking water standards for cities and for store-bought bottled water. While many of us enjoy the convenience of city water, we miss the tasty well water from our childhood. With proper testing, you can make sure your water is safe and delicious for your whole family to enjoy. 🍷

Hannah McKenzie is a residential building science consultant for Advanced Energy in Raleigh.



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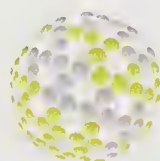
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Reuben Casserole

- 1½ cups uncooked egg noodles
- ¾ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- ⅓ cup 2% milk
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- ¾ teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1 can (8 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
- ⅓ pound smoked kielbasa or Polish sausage, cut into ½-inch slices
- ½ cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 3 tablespoons soft whole wheat bread crumbs
- 1½ teaspoons butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cook noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the soup, milk, onion and mustard; set aside.

Spread sauerkraut into a 1-qt. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Drain noodles; place over sauerkraut. Layer with soup mixture and kielbasa; sprinkle with cheese.

In a small bowl, combine bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, for 15–20 minutes or until bubbly.

Yield: 2 servings

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Homemade Lemon Bars

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ⅓ cup butter, softened
- ¼ cup confectioners' sugar

Topping

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¾ teaspoon lemon extract
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Confectioners' sugar
- Orange peel strips (1 to 3 inches)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, beat the flour, butter and confectioners' sugar until blended. Press onto bottom of an ungreased 8-inch square baking dish. Bake for 15–20 minutes or



until lightly browned.

For topping: In a large bowl, beat eggs, sugar, flour, lemon juice, lemon extract, baking powder and salt until frothy; pour over hot crust.

Bake 10–15 minutes longer or until light golden brown. Cool completely in dish on a wire rack. Dust with the confectioners' sugar. If desired, sprinkle with orange peel strips.

Yield: 9 servings



Sausage and Rice Casserole Side Dish

- 1 pound sage-flavored pork sausage
- 1 cup sliced celery
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped sweet red pepper
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1 cup converted rice, uncooked
- 2 cups chicken broth
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Brown sausage in heavy skillet over medium heat; transfer sausage to a ½-quart greased casserole dish. In the sausage drippings, sauté celery, onion, peppers and mushrooms until lightly browned; transfer to casserole.

To the casserole, add the water chestnuts, rice, broth and seasonings; mix well. Cover tightly and bake for 1 to 1½ hours or until rice is fluffy and tender.

Yield: 6 servings

From Your Kitchen

Collards with Bacon and Onions

- 1 pound bacon, reserve half for crunch topping
- 3 red onions, chopped very course
- 1¼ cup chicken stock
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- ½–1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2–3 bunches of collards, wash, de-stem and chop or tear
- 1–2 bunches of kale, wash, de-stem and chop or tear

Cook bacon, remove from pan leaving 4 tablespoons of the bacon grease. Sauté red onions in grease until tender. Remove from pan and set aside.

To the pan, add chicken stock, brown sugar, vinegar, red pepper flakes, half the bacon and half the greens. Mix and let cook down a little until wilted and there is room in pan to add more of the greens until all are in the pan.

Cook 30 minutes on simmer, add onions, simmer another 30 minutes.

Serve with crumbled bacon on top.

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